power to go and inspect these factories. That does not mean he is alone to do it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the Inspector of Boilers still an Inspector of Foctories also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think it is so. Rather I would like to have notice of it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the average minimum wage prevalent in these Factories?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret I have not got the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can the information be given if notice is given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Collection of toll on Agricultural products at Kallur Toll.

72. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether there were Proceedings of the Diwan that toll should not be collected on agricultural products at the Kallur toll (sub-toll of Palapilli toll);

(2) have the Government received petitions complaining about the collection of toll on agricultural products by the said toll-gate keeper ; if so, what action was taken ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) No. But there is an order to the effect that no toll will be levied on conveyances used for the transport of agricultural produce, manure, etc.

(2) Yes ; a petition has been received. The allegations contained in it are being investigated.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Besides this petition has the Revenue Member received any reports from the revenue authorities also regarding this?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Last time also in answer to a similar question it was said that there was a report from the Revenue Inspector. I have called for the explanation of the contractor and I am taking action on it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not this matter brought to the notice of the authorities in the last Council; and may I know the reason for the delay in taking action?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I am taking action. I have called for the explanation of the contractor. That is also forwarded for a detailed enquiry.

Extension of channel for irrigation—petition from the people of Alur Village.

73. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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